

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.
1421 Prince Street, Suite 210
Alexandria, VA 22314-2805
Telephone: (703) 739-0220

Attorney Docket No.: YMOR:236A
Date: July 24, 2003

Prior Application:
Examiner: Robert S. Tupper
Group Art Unit: 2652

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Sir:

This is a

- ☐ Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);
- ☐ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));
- ☒ Divisional Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);
- ☐ Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 10/048,583, filed February 1, 2002

for [Title as filed]: DISK DEVICE

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Masashi WATANABE and Tetsuya TAKASHIMA

1. ☒ A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2. ☐ Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS
AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT
OR CREDIT FEES TO
DEP. ACCT. 16-0331
PARKHURST & WENDEL

3. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW		Basic Fee
Total claims	14 - 20 = 0 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	\$750.00
Independent claims	2 - 3 = 0 x \$84.00 (*42.00) =	
Total Filing Fee.....		= \$750.00

4. [x] A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed (CK# 16733).
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
NO. 160331.
5. [x] Cancel in this application claims 1-16 of the prior application
before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim
is retained for filing purposes.
6. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the
sentence:

--This is a divisional of application Serial No. 10/048,583 filed
February 1, 2002 which in turn is a National Stage of
PCT/JP01/04927 filed June 11, 2001.--
7. [] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR
§1.116 with any attachments filed on in said prior application
which was not entered therein.
8. [x] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 2000-187034, filed June 22,
2000; in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- [x] The certified copy was filed in the National Stage No.
PCT/JP01/04921..
- [] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is
filed herewith.
9. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC
INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 012726, Frame 0221.

10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:

[x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

[] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

[x] c. Address all future communications to

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.
1421 Prince Street, Suite 210
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-2805
Telephone: (703) 739-0220.

11. [x] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed herewith.

12. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.

13. [x] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

14. [x] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

15. [] A Petition for -Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.



Roger W. Parkhurst
Registration No. 25,177

(rev. 01/03)